## Standardized Aircraft Status Reporting and Briefing (February 2019)

The following status checks will be used, at a minimum for aircraft status reporting

- Radio check after engine start check all VHF-FM channels to be used during the sortie.
- Wheels Up
- In area/grid
- Ops Normal every 30 minutes
- Departing area/grid
- Preparing to land and will not be on CAP channels
- Wheels down

These additional status reports will be used when appropriate:

- ELT signal first heard
- Target located
- Leaving assigned CAP channel
- Returned to assigned CAP channel

Additional required communications:

- Request permission to deviate from assignment
- Request permission to leave assigned area
- Request permission to return to base (RTB)

## **Communications Briefing Checklist – Air Resources**

Complete	Briefing Item
	Base call sign briefed
	Review ICS-205
	Assigned Operations Net channel briefed
	Assigned Tactical Net channel briefed
	Interoperability channel(s) briefed
	Lost communications procedures briefed
	Radio Check Procedure Aircraft must perform a radio check before engine start. Typically, conduct radio check with "Base" Communications on TAC1. TAC1 can be found in G2 and CH005 on the Technisonic radio. If the radio check is unsuccessful, DO NOT TAKE OFF. Contact Air Operations and advise that you were unable to successfully complete a radio check using your CAP radio. You will be given further instructions.
	Wheels Up Procedure
	Once you are wheels up, you must notify "Base" Communications of wheels up and time using your assigned repeater channel. If unable to use the assigned repeater, use TAC1 and try repeater again after 10 minutes to confirm operation and settings.
	Monitoring CAP Radio In Flight
	Aircraft must monitor CAP radio (Technisonic Radio) at all times unless special arrangements are made in advance. If unable to monitor CAP radio, such as due to cockpit activity, notify "Base" Communications that you will be off the air due to cockpit activity and provide them with a duration for that. When back monitoring the CAP radio, advise "Base" Communications on assigned channel.
	Review repeater talk around (RTA) procedures
	Operations Normal Check Procedure
	Every 30 minutes or scheduled by Communication, contact "Base" Communications or HIGHBIRD with an OPS Normal message to include your current position dd mm.m N ddd mm.m W
	Pre-Landing Procedure
	Ten minutes prior to landing, advise "Base" Communications on assigned channel that you are ten minutes out. "Base" Communications will acknowledge and will be expecting you to advise wheels down once you are down.
	Post-Landing Procedure
	As soon as possible after landing, advise "Base" Communications on assigned channel that you are have landed with the time. "Base" Communications will acknowledge
	Any special instructions on a FIND or Sighting briefed
	Copy of ICS-205 provided to crew